

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2015 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall**

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 03/23/15
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
 - **Bridge # 2 - Scoping Report discussion and decision**
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2015
 - **Solid Waste discussion and decision for Pay as You Throw**
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business: Liquor Licenses
- 7) Board Orders
- 8) Adjourn

Meeting Minutes
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Chairman Ed Lewis called the meeting to order. Other Board members present included: Jeff King, Corey Davenport, Frank Fressie and Tom Coloutti. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; Ron Kelley, Road Foreman and Tom Beatty, Road Commissioner.

Adoption of the Agenda: Jeff King made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Jeff King made a motion to table the minutes of March 23, 2015. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comments and Concerns: Ed Lewis mentioned that two residents who live in or around the Green in East Poultney wanted to know when the streets were going to be swept.

Road Report:

- 1) Potholes continue to be filled. A few sinkholes have developed and repaired.
- 2) A few mudspots are in need of repair.
- 3) Quotes for tree and brush work for the FEMA project (winter ice storm last December) have been received. A meeting will be set up with a FEMA representative to view the proposed work areas so that project can proceed. The work must be completed by June 6th.
- 4) Still working on frozen culverts in a few areas.
- 5) Copies of the Annual Financial Plan for Town Highways (Agency of Transportation) was presented and signed by the Board.
- 6) A Class 2 Highway Paving Grant will be submitted on Tuesday for paving sections of York Street Extension, Route 140 and Granville Streets.
- 7) A quote from Pike Paving for paving these areas of road has been received. Discussion followed. The Board wanted to get at least one other quote for the projects.
- 8) The Scoping Report and detour for Bridge # 2 was again discussed. The impact of closing the bridge was of concern but in the end the Board believed could be managed with some expected delays. Fire Department coverage and other emergency services was the biggest concern. Fire Chief Aaron Kerber was confident, as stated earlier, that with cooperating Departments coverage and response times could be managed. Aaron mentioned that the Rescue Squad was aware of the issues and that they were going to develop a plan working with Medic One out of Rutland. Copies of an e-mail from Beth Winter from the Poultney Rescue Squad, dated April 8th, regarding the affects of a bridge closure were distributed and discussed. Jeff King made a motion to approve the Agency of Transportation's recommendation to close the road (Route 140 Bridge) for the construction of Bridge # 2. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 9) A resident from Poultney has blocked access to a portion of TH # 11 (the High Road) that connects into the Town of Wells with slate rubbish. After several assurances from this resident that he would remove the slate rubbish, the situation has gotten worse. Rosenthal recommended hiring Town Attorney Neal Vreeland to contact this resident and the attorney for the resident about removing the material from the Town Highway. Information regarding Reclassification of

Town Highways was distributed. Information regarding Reclassification can be obtained in Title 19 Section 708 and Section 775. The consensus of the Board is to proceed having Town Attorney Neal Vreeland take the above mentioned action.

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) Rebecca Cook presented a quote from DS Masonry to fix the upper façade over the main entrance to the Library. There are at least three areas that bricks were protruding out and away from the building. Rosenthal signed the work agreement to fix these areas described in the amount of \$ 1,800.
- 2) Rosenthal has submitted a USDA Facility Grant / Loan application (grant for furnishings) for the Library expansion and improvement project. The Library continues to fund raise and to seek other grants for the project.
- 3) Copies of a loan amortization debt service schedule in the amount for \$ 248,000 from the Vermont Bond Bank for the Library improvement project were distributed. The estimate was greater than the USDA amount quoted by \$ 34,914.
- 4) Information was again distributed entitled "A Guide to Variable Rate Pricing (also known as pay as you throw)". In addition, information was shared as to what other towns currently charge for garbage. Discussion followed. The consensus of the Board was to make the charge low for the first year and adjust it if needed for the next year. The consensus of the Board was to give every residence 52 "free" bags and after that charge \$ 1.00 per bag. Recyclables would not be charged a per bag fee. The Board also would schedule an Informational Meeting to provide the public with information regarding the changes to the Transfer Station effective July 1st. Jeff King made a motion to charge a per bag fee of \$ 1.00 effective July 1 through June 30th. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Transact Any and Other Lawful Business - Liquor License Permit: Jeff King made a motion to approve the Liquor License permits for the Full Belly Deli, Taps and the American Legion in addition to Outside Consumption Permits for Taps and the American Legion. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Orders: Jeff King made a motion to approve and sign the Board Orders. Tom Coloutti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Corey Davenport seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

s/Jonas Rosenthal

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2015 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall**

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 03/23/15 & 4/13/05
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
 - **Bridge # 2 - Update**
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2015
 - **Solid Waste Pay as You Throw update**
- 6) Transact Any Other Lawful Business: Liquor Licenses
- 7) Board Orders
- 8) Adjourn